

# RIVERHEAD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Blue Waves Families,

We would like to inform you of an incident that occurred this morning, September 8th, at Riverhead High School. An altercation took place between two students in which one of the students sprayed another with pepper spray. The residue from the spray impacted the air quality in the hallway, resulting in other students and security guards being affected. All of those impacted received medical treatment, and the parents and guardians of affected students were contacted. The hallway has been cleaned and no longer contains any residue and is safe for passage. The school day remains uninterrupted, and classes will continue as usual.

Upon the incident occurring, the Riverhead Police were immediately contacted and are currently conducting an investigation. The student who used the pepper spray has been taken into police custody. The District prioritizes safety and security, and altercations of this nature will not be tolerated. We will continue to work alongside the Riverhead Police Department throughout the investigation, and the two students in the altercation will face full disciplinary action in accordance with Riverhead High School's code of conduct.

Please feel free to contact my office with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aug E. Tornatore".

Dr. Augustine E. Tornatore  
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